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With respect to the non-English language documents, Applicants provide the following remarks:

**1. JU AH4-56415** - This document was cited in the above-mentioned Japanese Notice of Rejection.

**2. JP A 2002-262936** - This document was cited in the above-mentioned Japanese Notice of Rejection. An English language Abstract is submitted herewith.

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**4. JU A S60-103409** - This document was cited in the above-mentioned Japanese Notice of Rejection.

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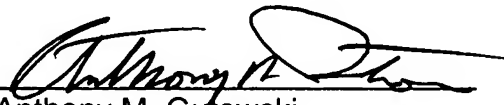
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